

January 16, 2017
Comments to Federal Communications Commission
Re: Proceeding Number 05-231

Gentlemen:

We support the Alliance for Community Media's petition to waive the registration and certification requirement of the closed captioning rules for PEG producers.

Access Chautauqua County TV, Inc. (d.b.a Access Channel 5) has been operational since 1995 with volunteers producing over 3,200 programs since that time. We serve small, rural communities having a combined cable subscriber count of around 5,000 homes.

Each year we work with a small group of individuals and organizations so that they can produce local shows with a hometown flavor.

Requiring community members who use our channel to register with the FCC and certify that they are exempt from captioning requirements would be cumbersome and a deterrent for some producers. Our operation has a very small budget and only one part-time employee.

This is especially the case because our channel is exempt from the captioning requirement because of our yearly revenue, which falls below \$3 Million. In our case, the annual budget is approximately \$30,000.00. While we appreciate the consumer feedback the registration process will generate, we do not believe that registering PEG access producers on exempt channels will help consumers.

We appreciate the Commission's prompt action in the matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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